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Employment and payment of guards.

Washington, September 26, 1903.

Surgeon Guiteras, Laredo, Tex.:

Regarding expenditures, State, city, and county authorities are expected to render all assistance possible. This has been the rule in other epidemics. If necessary to employ personal service of any character, nominations by name and rate must be promptly wired Bureau, as must also any contemplated expenditure. If in emergency the expenditure must be made, notify Bureau. Who is paying for the disinfecting gangs you started to-day? Walerius can render you much assistance in keeping finances straight, and if necessary you are authorized to nominate a clerk for him.

WYMAN.

REPLY.

Laredo, Tex., September 26, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

City and county have no funds; State has employed guards along border. We are paying for disinfecting gangs.

GUITERAS.

Pyrethrum powder for use at Laredo.

New Orleans, La., September 26, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Guiteras wires me to forward 500 pounds pyrethrum powder by express. Am sending it, and request Bureau approval; also authority to honor similar requisitions.

WERTENBAKER.

 $Three \ suspicious \ cases -- House \ disinfection.$

Laredo, Tex., September 26, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Have seen three suspicious cases to-day. Disinfected seven and a half houses containing twenty-four rooms.

GUITERAS.

Plan of campaign against introduction and spread of yellow fever.

Laredo, Tex., September 26, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Present plan of campaign is as follows: (1) Exterminate local inspection, following methods employed in Habana; (2) to prevent introduction of any new infection from without; (3) to prevent spread of the disease to other localities. The first item was put in operation this morning. The second has been in operation for some time and is